sectors of the national economy. In order to achieve this increase in productivity substantially, if any proposals are forthcoming, which perhaps require some modification to the electronics policy, the Government would not be averse to considering it. However, at the moment there is no proposal to modify the principles of electronics policy that have been announced in the recent past.

Issuing of passports by Khalistani Diplomatic Missions Abroad

1411. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:
SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Times of India of 30th March, 1986 to the effect that so-called Khalistani diplomatic missions are operating in Canada and elsewhere and are issuing passports in the name of Khalistan;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government have taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government have information regarding the presence of self-styled diplomatic Missions of so-called Khalistan in Canada and Equado and about the issue of Khalistan passports by persons describing themselves as Consul General, Ambassador etc. These self-styled diplomatic missions have not been recognised by any foreign Goverments.

(c) Government have raised this issue with the authorities in the countries concerned with the request to take appropriate legal action against such imposters under local laws.

Constitution of statutory development boards in Maharashtra

1412. SHRI GHULAM RASOOL MATTO:
SHRI S. W. DHABE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the opinion of the Governor of Maharashtra about the scheme submitted by State Government with regard to formation of Statutory Development Boards for Vidarbha and other area, under article 371 of the Constitution of India has been received;

(b) when the Resolution passed unanimously by two legislatures of Maharashtra on 26th July, 1984 about setting up Development Board under Article 371 of the Constitution of India was received by the Central Government;

(c) how many references were made back to State Government on its proposals; and

(d) by when such boards are likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) to (d) In August, 1984, a communication was received from the Government of Maharashtra recommending establishment of separate Development Boards for Vidarbha, Marathwada and the rest of Maharashtra under the provisions of article 371(2) of the Constitution on the basis of a Resolution passed by both the House of State Legislature. The draft scheme received from the State Government in November, 1985 in response to a reference dated 29th May, 1985 from the Ministry for establishment of Development Boards under the said Constitutional provision is under consideration of the

Government in consultation with the State Government. At this stage, it is not possible to indicate any time limit for establishment of these Development Boards.

Appointment of Welfare Officers

1413. SHRI S. W. DHABE:
SHRI GHULAM RASOOL MATTO:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have laid down guidelines which *inter alia* include that the Welfare Officers appointed in Government colonies/areas should atleast be Class I Gazetted Officers and should preferably have residential telephones;

(b) if so, what is the number of Welfare Officers, who do not possess above conditions and the areas in which they have been appointed;

(c) whether it is also a fact that most of Welfare Officers of various colonies belong to the Ministries of Home Affairs and Personnel and Administrative Reforms; and

(d) if so, what action Government propose to take to ensure that suitable Welfare Officers belonging to various Ministries/Departments/autonomous body offices etc. are appointed in terms of guidelines already issued by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSION (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) The Government appoints gazetted officers who are willing to work in Honorary capacity as Area Welfare Officers for various colonies and areas in Delhi. While selecting them, preference is given to those who have residential telephones.

(b) All Area Welfare Officers appointed are gazetted officers. Eighteen of them do not have residential telephones.

(c) Out of the 68 Area Welfare Officers in Delhi, only six are from Ministry of Home Affairs and seven are from Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions.

(d) Does not arise.

Requisition of Private Parties for Security Operations

1414. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA:
MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE:
SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-report appearing in the Hindustan Times of the 2th March, 1986 under the caption "Security Privatisation at Secretariat";

(b) whether services of private parties have been requisioned for security operations and cleaning work by several Government Departments such as the Department of Electronics, the Electronics Commission, the Indira Gandhi International Airport and a large number of autonomous and semi-autonomous Government undertakings; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor??

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL SECURITY (SHRI ARUN NEHRU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Security arrangements of the Indira Gandhi International Airport and the Govern-